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W. C. T. U. HEAD PREDICTS WORLD-WIDE PROHIBITION NOT LATER THAN 1925.

Miss Anna A. Gordon declares C. E. Hughes and W. H. Taft declined enormous fees to fight legal battles of liquor interests.

Prophesying world prohibition by 1925, Miss Anna A. Gordon, president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, yesterday addressed approximately 1000 delegates at the opening session of the national convention at Hotel Statler. The convention will last until Thursday night, and the remaining sessions will be held at the Odessa.

The great movements before the convention are, according to Miss Gordon, world prohibition, health and morality, Americanization, and law enforcement. She said:

"We have never failed to affirm the fact that for many years we have been in an educational campaign concerning the harmfulness of tobacco, especially among children and youth. This campaign we shall continue to push persistently. We have the support of the scientific temperance instruction laws, and with few exceptions the cordial sympathy and co-operation of educators. The propaganda of liquor associations and of the enormously wealthy tobacco producers must not swerve us from our determination to press our educational anticigarette and antitobacco campaign."

Dares to Prophecy.
Forecasting world-wide prohibition of liquor, Miss Gordon said: "While it is difficult to define the status of Europe, Asia, Africa and other countries, it is with a thrill of joy that we note the great world-wide advance of prohibition sentiment and dare to prophecy world prohibition by 1925."

"The liquor interests are having a hard time to obtain the assistance of reputable attorneys. When the liquor men began casting about for a man to contest constitutional prohibition in the court they decided to look for some one of national prominence. They laid down on a table in front of Charles Evans Hughes a check for \$150,000. This great jurist replied: 'I would not champion this cause before the courts for any sum of money.'"

"Falling to buy Mr. Hughes, they next went to William Howard Taft, and placed before him a signed check, telling him to fill it in for any amount he wanted. He replied: 'Gentlemen, you couldn't pile enough gold on this continent to induce me to take your case before the courts and before the public, for I will have you know my conscience is not for sale.'"

BROOKLYN NEGRO VETERANS PARADE.

2,000 in Armistice Day March—10,000 at Celebration in 18th Regiment Armory.

Approximately 2,000 of the Negro warriors of Brooklyn who won the Sam's uniform in the trenches in France were fittingly honored last night, when 10,000 of their relatives and friends attended a big armistice day celebration in the 18th Regiment Armory, Sumner and Jefferson avenues, to commemorate their splendid fighting achievements.

Their gold service stripes somewhat tarnished and their military gait not quite so military as it was a year ago, the 15th Regt. of Colored soldiers, 2,000 strong, paraded along Bedford avenue, in the afternoon to the music of their famous fighting band, who took the soldiers over the top, the lines swept by in full battle, while their folk, thousands of them, along the lines of march, looked on, now and then applauding. Simultaneously on both sidewalks there were parades made up of the families of soldiers on parade, who kept step with the music from the beginning of the march at Great Square to the end of it at Broadway. In the vanguard of this by-parade were Colored children, hundreds of them, from all over the borough, who, hearing their heroes were going to march,

hurried to the starting point.

The avenue was gaily decked out for the occasion. Every little tree, with its sign in memory of a soldier who fell in action, had its garland of flowers. Stores and residences along the line of march hung on out large American flags. Not only veterans of the World War were on parade, but white-haired men who saw service in the Civil War and veterans of the Spanish War in full regalia marched. The men carried no war trophies; that duty was relegated to the little chaps who kept in step with them in the sidewalks, who sported anything from a bullet to a helmet. At the end of the parade they had dinner, and thence to the 18th Regt. Armory.

Last night the armory was taxed to its capacity to hold the immense crowd. In all some 15,000 invitations had been issued.

The chairman of the evening was George E. Wibican, who, after an opening address, introduced former Congressman John J. Delaney, chairman of the Brooklyn Victory Committee, who in his speech laid stress on the importance of the achievements of the Negro troops during the war.

"It is with great pride," he said, "that the people of the Colored race view the records of the Negro troops in the 36th Inf., which was commanded by Col. Williams Hayward, and the members of which received no less than 132 citations for exceptional bravery in action."

"Every citizen in the country, regardless of color, has every reason to be proud of the record these 400,000 brave Colored defenders of liberty made for themselves."

The other principal speaker was Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, of Washington, D. C., the only Colored woman ever appointed on the Board of Education in Washington. She spoke at length on the relationship of the war toward the solution of the race problem, holding an optimistic view toward its early and lasting settlement.

Mayor Hyland was to have attended, but was unable to do so, and Boro President Rieglemann appeared in his place.

Other speakers were: James Weldon Johnson, Mrs. E. F. Horne and Col. William Jay Schleffelin.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with an excellent band concert by the combined military bands of the 15th Infantry, N. Y. N. G.

HERE IS WHAT THE ESCH BILL WILL DO FOR THE RAILROADS.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Esch railroad bill, which was passed by the House, provides for the following: Provides capital and insures the financial future of the lines during the period immediately after private operation is renewed, creates machinery for the voluntary cancellation of labor troubles, and extends federal authority over rail transportation by increasing the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Federal control would end with the month in which the bill is enacted and rates continued in effect for six months, unless changed. Roads are ordered to ask the Interstate Commerce Commission for general rate advances within sixty days and government guaranty is denied carriers failing to do so.

As a guaranty the government agrees that the revenue of the carriers for the first six months of renewed private operation shall equal the standard return paid during federal control as rental for the use of the lines. Short-line railroads and express companies would also receive this guaranty.

Government five-year loans at 6 per cent also may be obtained by the lines within twenty-six months after

the end of federal control, and to carry out the provision \$250,000,000 is made available.

The funding plan for settlement of \$775,000,000 the roads will owe the government at the end of this year provides for a set-off of approximately \$400,000,000 of the amount of government payment of this unliquidated indebtedness would be in ten annual installments.

For settlement of labor troubles the bill would set up machinery in vogue before and during federal control for employer and employer voluntarily conducting negotiations, with an added provision for a second, or appeal, board to reach decisions if the former fail. No penalty is provided against strike or lockout and on all boards the workers and the rail owners would have equal representation. The bill would give the Interstate Commerce Commission jurisdiction of use, control, movement, distribution and exchange of locomotives and cars, and supply, movement and operation of trains, and extension or abandonment of rail lines.

The authority of the commission would be extended to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates, to order the division of joint rates, to reroute shipments and limit suspension of rate schedules.

The antitrust law may be set aside by the commission to permit the consolidation of railroads or to permit them to pool earnings or equipment.

To insure freight movement as directed by a bill of lading, a road suffering the loss must be paid as though it had carried the shipment. The bill affects water carriers by repealing part of the Panama Canal act so as to permit railroads, on approval of the commission, to own and operate boats on the Great Lakes and Long Island Sound, and gives the commission authority to order connections being made between rail and water lines.

NEGROES ASK INTERVENTION IN CASE OF SERGEANT EDGAR G. CALDWELL.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today made public a telegram to Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, asking for intervention in the case of Sergeant Edgar G. Caldwell, who has been sentenced to death for the alleged murder of Kelsie Morris, a street car conductor, at Anniston, Ala., in December 15, 1918.

The telegram reads: November 14, 1919. Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. National Association for Advancement of Colored People respectfully urges that you exercise power at your command and intervene in the case of Sergeant Edgar G. Caldwell, now under sentence of death for the killing of street car conductor December fifteenth at Anniston, Ala. In view of the fact that Caldwell at the time was a soldier in Regular Army and was turned over to civil authorities and by them condemned to death we feel that because of his race it was impossible for him to secure fair trial in that State. Our further contention is that Caldwell should have been tried by regular Court Martial since he was a soldier. Caldwell sentenced to be hanged December fifth and we therefore urge that intervention be made in his behalf immediately.

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—To give to producers and others information regarding actual cotton prices in their local or nearby important markets, the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture is inaugurating a cotton price quotation service and will feature reports from five important points in the cotton belt. Cottonseed prices also will be covered.

The first report is to be issued

from Memphis, Tenn., for the district immediately surrounding that point; other reports will follow from district headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Charlotte, N. C.; and Dallas, Texas, for the territory immediately surrounding each of these points.

WHERE THE XMAS SEAL MONEY GOES.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 27.—The Texas Public Health Association has announced the different purposes for which the \$200,000 to be raised in Texas during the Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale in December will be used.

"Ninety per cent of the money raised from the sale of the little seals of good health will remain in Texas," said D. E. Breed, Executive Secretary of the Association, "and the remainder will go to the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association."

"The \$180,000 remaining for health work in Texas, will be used by the Texas Public Health Association and its auxiliaries to provide nursing provision in counties, cities, and schools through public health nurses; to help secure more dispensary and clinic care, so that those who have tuberculosis or think they have it, may be examined and treated; to aid in securing more open air schools and preventoria for children—where babies and children up to 12 years of age may be given special treatment and kept from contagious disease; to bring health education to the people of the state, so that they may know how to prevent and cure disease."

The Association will also send out field workers to carry on surveys and research work on health conditions, and with the assistance of Mexican and Negro workers, reach all races and classes of people in the state. It also will try to interest employers and employees in medical examinations of workers in industrial trades.

The Modern Health Crusade is being directed by the Association, which is, in this way, leading the children of the state to form health habits which will remain with them permanently.

These are some of the important things which the Association will do in 1920," said Mr. Breed. "They are necessary if we are to crush the 'white plague' which claimed a toll of 4,651 lives in Texas, last year. The Texas Public Health Association is at the service of the people of the Lone Star State and is fighting for better health for their entire state."

"Figures based upon the Framingham, Mass., survey show that there are nine open cases of tuberculosis in Texas, and almost 20 cases of all kinds from the disease, for every death from the 'white plague.' This would tend to show, since there were 4,651 reported deaths from the disease last year in Texas, that there are now 37,208 open cases, and approximately 92,000 cases of all kinds open, arrested or closed."

"HERE'S A NEW GERM TO FLAG US."

Bacterium Tansarensis, Name Given to Germ Causing Plague-Like Disease. An Important Discovery by Investigators of the U. S. Public Health Service.

An investigation just completed by Surgeon Edwards Francis of the U. S. Public Health Service adds another to the list of disease germs afflicting mankind. The germ which bears the name of bacterium tansarensis, was first isolated by Drs. McCoy and Chapin, of the U. S. Public Health Service, from the site of a plague-like disease of rodents. It was not then known that the same germ also infects man.

Dr. Francis now finds that bacterium tansarensis is the cause of "deer-fly fever," a disease occurring among the rural population of Utah and initiated (according to popular belief), by a fly bite on some exposed surface of the body. The site Health Service, as the causative agent of the bite and the neighboring lymph glands become tender and inflamed, and they commonly suppurate. A fever, like that in ordinary blood poisoning, develops that lasts for 10 to 14 days. The patient becomes very sick and is confined to bed. The first case known to have ended fatally was reported in 1919.

Thus far something like two dozen cases of this disease have occurred in Millad County, Utah, in each of the years of 1917, 1918, and 1919. Whether the disease prevails elsewhere is not yet known, but the announcement of the Public Health Service is expected to direct the attention of physicians to cases of this kind.

ANOTHER GEORGIA LYNCHING.

(By Associated Negro Press) Macon, Ga., Nov. 27.—Judge H. A. Matthews, in charging the Grand Jury at the opening of Bibb superior court today, instructed that a thorough investigation be made of the lynching of Paul Booker, near Crumps Park.

Paul Jones, a Negro, accused of attacking a white woman near the site of Camp Harris, was lynched by a mob at the scene of the crime shortly after midnight.

The Negro was arrested by two deputy sheriffs, but the mob quickly formed, compelling the officers to take refuge in a box car. Sheriff Hicks, learning of the plight of his deputies, went to the scene, and was permitted by the mob, which numbered a thousand persons or more, to take the Negro to the home of the woman for identification. She identified him, it is said, from a blood mark she had purposely placed upon his clothing. The crowd refusing to be calmed, by the pleas of the sheriff, then seized the Negro and put him to death.

PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

(By Associated Negro Press) Greenville, S. C., Nov. 27.—At a mass meeting of Greenville Negroes held at Allen Temple, A. M. E. church, the Negro Progressive League of Greenville, was organized, with

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SUE WHEN REFUSED SERVICE.

(By Associated Negro Press) Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 27.—Wm. N. DeBerry, elected second assistant moderator at the convention of the Congressional National Council, has started suit in Superior court for \$2,000 against Robt. E. Jones, former manager of the Livingston cafeteria, charging Jones refused to serve him food. Charles W. Burton of Chicago and Alexander C. Gardner of Washington, also Negro delegates to the convention, joined DeBerry in the suit and each asks the sum of \$2,000 as damages. Jones was taken on a capias by Sheriff Peter Viergever and is held under a bond of \$3,000.

It is the claim of the ministers that Jones told them he "did not give a damn" who they were, they could not eat in his cafeteria" and that when they told him that they had had breakfast in the place, he replied that they "must be sneaked in, for they had no business there." The suit is started, the men say, to vindicate a constitutional principle of law.

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